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**David P. McDonald**  
Senior Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Washington U (MO) 1960 BA, 1962 JD  
Began Service: December 3, 1982  
Term Expires: December 2, 2014

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge, Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge David P. McDonald, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit

**Government:** Chief Trial and Special Assistant Circuit Attorney, Criminal Prosecution, State of Missouri (1965-1975); Administrative Law Judge, Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration (1975-1979); Administrative Law Judge, National Labor Relations Board (1979-1982)

**Judicial:** Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

**Military Service:** United States Army (1962-1964)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**Charles E. Rendlen III**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: William Jewell 1972 BS; Missouri 1976 JD  
Began Service: May 2006  
Term Expires: May 23, 2020

**Government:** U.S. Trustee, Region 13, Executive Office for United States Trustees, United States Department of Justice (2003-2006)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, The Rendlen Law Firm, P.C. (1976-1979); Partner, The Rendlen Law Firm, P.C. (1979-1991); Managing Partner, The Rendlen Law Firm, P.C. (1991-2003)

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**Number of Judgeships: 6**

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Andrew, Atchison, Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Dade, Dallas, Daviess, DeKalb Douglas, Gentry, Greene, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Howell, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Livingston, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Oregon, Osage, Ozark, Pettis, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ray, Saline, St. Clair, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster, Worth and Wright

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**Dean Whipple**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Drury 1961 BS; Missouri (Kansas City) 1965 JD  
Began Service: December 1987  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Prosecuting Attorney, County of Laclede, Missouri (1967-1971)

**Judicial:** Circuit Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, Division II, 26th Judicial Circuit (1975-1987)

**Military Service:** Missouri National Guard (1956-1961); United States Army Reserve (1961-1966)

**Chambers of District Judge Gary A. Fenner**

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**Gary A. Fenner**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Kansas 1970 BA; Missouri (Kansas City) 1973 JD  
Began Service: July 26, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Business Law Instructor (part-time), Webster College (1976-1977)

**Government:** Assistant City Attorney, City of St. Joseph, Missouri (1973-1977); City Councilman, City of St. Joseph, Missouri (1977-1978)

**Judicial:** Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit (1979-1988); Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District (1988-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Associate of Daniel M. Czamanske, Attorney at Law (1973); Partner, Shoemaker, Summers and Fenner (1977-1978)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Clay County Bar Association; Kansas City Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; Platte County Bar Association

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**Nanette Kay Laughrey**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: UCLA 1967 BA; Missouri 1975 JD  
Began Service: August 26, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



**Academic:** Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law (1983-1987); Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law (1987-1989); William H. Pittman Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law (1989-1996); Visiting Professor of Law, University of Iowa College of Law (1990)

**Government:** VISTA Volunteer, VISTA (1969-1972); Assistant State Attorney General, State of Missouri (1975-1979); Commissioner, City of Columbia Arts Commission (1986-1988); Commissioner, Columbia Housing Authority (1992-1998); Deputy State Attorney General, State of Missouri (1992-1993)

**Judicial:** Judge, Columbia Municipal Court (1979-1983)

**Legal Practice:** Staff Attorney (part-time), Craig Van Matre, P.C. (1980-1983)

**Nonprofit:** Director, Voluntary Action Center (1972)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Law Institute; Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association

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**Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Pittsburg State 1970 BS; Missouri (Kansas City) 1974 JD  
Began Service: 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Corporate:** Attorney, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (1974-1980)

**Judicial:** Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit (1980-1986); Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District (1986-1991)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation; Jackson County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association

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**Ortrie D. Smith**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Missouri BA, JD  
Began Service: August 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Ewing, Smith, & Hoberock (1971-1995)

**Staff**

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